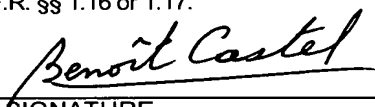


TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		Attorney Docket No. <b>1506-1081</b> U.S. Application No. <b>10/527811</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO. <b>PCT/SE2003/001419</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>September 11, 2003</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>September 12, 2002</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION: <b>ALKALINE PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURING OF PULP USING ALKALI METABORATE AS BUFFERING ALKALI</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: <b>Lars STIGSSON</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. See attached PCT/IB/308.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4))</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17(iv). )</li> <li>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> <p><b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of IDS citations.</li> <li>13. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet &amp; document(s)).</li> <li>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.</li> <li>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Itemized Return Receipt Postcard</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney and Statement under 37 CFR §3.73(b) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly executed Power of Attorney</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of Power of Attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> </ol> </li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li>20. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>21. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application (35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)).</li> <li>22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <b>International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210), Abstract of the Disclosure</b></li> </ol>		

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:  <div style="text-align: center;"><b>PCT FEES - NATIONAL STAGE</b></div>				<b>CALCULATIONS</b> PTO USE ONLY	
<u>Fee Description</u>					
Basic National Stage Fee				<b>\$150.00</b>	
Non ISA/US Search Provided		National Stage Search Fee		<b>\$200.00</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> US was the IPEA And all claims satisfied the provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4)		National Stage Examination Fee		<b>\$100.00</b>	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (Fee Code 1617/2617)				<b>\$65.00</b>	
National Stage Application size fee each additional 50 sheets in excess of 100  Fee Code 1681/2681		Additional Sheets 22 - 100 = 0 = 0 X <div style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">50</div>		Fee From Below <b>\$125.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>CLAIMS</b>		NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
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Total Claims Fee Codes 1615 / 2615		13 - 20 =	0	x \$25.00	<b>\$0.00</b>
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) Fee Code 1616 / 2616				+ \$360.00	<b>\$0.00</b>
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). Fee Code 1618				<b>\$0.00</b>	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). (Fee code 8021) \$40.00 per property +				<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				<b>\$ 515.00</b>	
				Amount to be refunded:	\$
				Charged:	\$
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <b>\$ 515.00</b> to cover the above fees is attached.   <input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the name of Young &amp; Thompson. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17.         </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: center;">           SIGNATURE       </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 60%;">           SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:            YOUNG &amp; THOMPSON            745 South 23<sup>rd</sup> Street            Arlington, VA 22202            Telephone: (703) 521-2297            Facsimile: (703) 685-0573             Y&amp;T Customer No. <b>00466</b>            BC/gw         </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: center;">           Benoit Castel, Reg. No. 35,041            NAME, REGISTRATION NUMBER             March 14, 2005            DATE         </div> </div>					